

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 8, 2003. Claims 1-12 and 16 are presented for examination. Claims 13, 14 and 15 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. New Claim 16 has been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Initially, the Examiner is sincerely thanked for the indication that Claims 1-9 are allowed.

Claims 11 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite.

Claims 10 and 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,384,804 (*Dodabalapur et al.*).

Without conceding the propriety of the rejections of Claims 13-15, those claims have been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer of subject matter, thereby rendering their rejections moot.

With regard to the Section 112 rejection of Claim 11, that claim has been amended as deemed necessary to even further ensure that it conforms fully to the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph, with special attention to the points raised on page 2 of the Office Action. Accordingly, it is believed that the Section 112 rejection has been overcome, and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

As to the Section 102(e) rejection of independent Claim 10, Applicants offer the following comments.

Claim 10 has been amended, and now recites:

10. An apparatus comprising:
a plurality of row-direction wiring lines;
a plurality of column-direction wiring lines;
a plurality of devices, wherein each one of said plurality of devices is connected to at least one of said plurality of row-direction wiring lines and at least one of said plurality of column-direction wiring lines;
at least one conductive member, wherein each said conductive member is in contact with a corresponding row-direction wiring line among said plurality of row-direction wiring lines, and wherein said plurality of row-direction wiring lines includes at least one row-direction wiring line with which said at least one conductive member is not in contact and at least one row-direction wiring line with which said at least one conductive member is in contact; and
a controlled current application circuit, for applying a predetermined controlled current to said plurality of column-direction wiring lines.

A notable feature of Claim 10 is that the plurality of row-direction wiring lines include at least one row-direction wiring line with which at least one conductive member is not in contact, and at least one row-direction wiring line with which the at least one conductive member is in contact.

Dodabalapur et al. relates to a display apparatus comprising multiple nominally identical smart pixels, a given pixel comprising an organic light emitting diode and an organic or inorganic pixel FET. The display also comprises drive/compensation circuitry adapted for mitigating or eliminating non-idealities associated with the organic components. (*See, e.g., the Abstract*). At col. 4, beginning at line 53, *Dodabalapur et al.* refers to an organic LED 11 that is controlled by an organic FET P1, whose gate voltage

determines the LED current. The LED 11 is shown in Fig. 4 as being connected between the FET P1 and ground.

The Office Action asserts that *Dodabalapur et al.* teaches “a conductive member (LED), wherein the conductive member is in contact with at least some wiring lines among the plurality of row-direction wirings lines and the plurality of column-direction wiring lines” However, while *Dodabalapur et al.* may refer to the LED 11 connected between the FET P1 and ground, nothing has been found, or pointed out, in that reference that would teach or suggest a plurality of row-direction wiring lines including at least one row-direction wiring line with which at least one conductive member is not in contact, and at least one row-direction wiring line with which the conductive member is in contact, as recited in Claim 10 of the present application. Accordingly, Claim 10 is deemed to be clearly patentable over that reference, and withdrawal of the Section 102(e) rejection of that claim is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 12, and 16 are each dependent from independent Claim 10 discussed above, and are therefore also believed patentable over *Dodabalapur et al.*, for the same reason as is Claim 10. Since each dependent Claim 11, 12, and 16 is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, individual consideration or reconsideration, as the case may be, of the patentability of each claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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